

#### Information sheet

# Guest student § 8 GSO

Children who come to us from abroad with little or no knowledge of German are faced wirh extraordinary challenges. They encounter a new language, often a new culture, at least a different cultural and social environment. They have to make new friends and have to become familiar with their new environment. This requires a lot of effort, strength and time. We would like to offer help at this point for your child and you.

To support your child coping with these challenges, we employ both a teacher with the special task of looking after our guest students and several specialized teachers with a qualification in "German as a Foreign Language" or "German as a Second Language". In individual lessons or in small groups, they further our guest students step by step to be able to cope with the language requirements for the entrance examination. Usually, beginners require up to two academic years to prepare.

In order to ease the burden on students, it is usually advisable to schedule the additional "German as a Foreign Language" lessons at times when the guest student's class has subjects that rely heavily or exclusively on German language as a means of communication.

Without or with only little knowledge of German, the guest students cannot or can hardly follow lessons in subjects such as German, history, social studies, economics and law, ethics or religion. Attending these classes would not be helpful and only frustrating at this stage. For most guest students the lessons of the second foreign language might be scheduled in addition. This is possible if the admission as an ordinary student is granted after passing the entrance examination into seventh or a higher grade. The second foreign language can then be replaced by the mother tongue upon request. However, this does not apply to students with English as their mother tongue, as two foreign languages are mandatory for the Abitur.

Additional tuition in German is not included in the school fee and therefore has to be paid separately (see attachment).

#### Attachment

### **Additional German Lessons**

## Expenses

Individual lessons	36 Euros / lesson
Group of two	21 Euros / lesson
Group of three	16 Euros / lesson
Group of four	13 Euros / lesson

At the beginning we will try to set up five lessons per week if possible, at a later stage four lessons. As soon as the entrance exam has been passed, it is recommended to continue with a few (usually two) lessons per week for practicing essay writing.

The lessons will be invoiced on a monthly basis according to the number of lessons held. Scheduled lessons that cannot be attended, e.g. due to sickness, must be cancelled the day before - at the latest.

There are special conditions for parents who receive a school fee reduction.